

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A rubber stopper used in a waterproof connector, the rubber stopper disposed between a covered cable and a connector housing of the waterproof connector, characterized in that the rubber stopper includes a material that can bond the rubber stopper to a covering layer of the covered cable when the rubber stopper is heated, wherein the composition of said rubber stopper is not the same as the composition of said covering layer.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein the material bonding the covering layer to the rubber stopper is an oleo-rubber that includes an organic rubber as a major constituent and at least one of di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate and a high-grade alcohol phthalate.

Claim 3 (original): The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein the material bonding the covering layer to the rubber stopper is an oleo-rubber that includes a compound comprising at least one of silyldyne groups.

Claim 4 (original): The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein a heating temperature during the heating is higher than a temperature at which the rubber stopper is assembled in the connector.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A waterproof connector having a waterproof rubber stopper that includes an organic rubber as a major constituent, the rubber stopper disposed between the waterproof connector and a covered cable, wherein the rubber stopper includes a plasticizer soluble mutually with a resin material constituting a covering layer of the covered cable,

wherein the plasticizer is a di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate or a phthalic acid di-isodecyl, and wherein the composition of said rubber stopper is not the same as the composition of said covering layer.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A waterproof connector having a waterproof rubber stopper that includes a silicon rubber as a major constituent, the rubber stopper disposed between the waterproof connector and a covered cable, wherein the rubber stopper includes a bonding agent to bond a

covering layer of the covered cable to the rubber stopper when the rubber stopper is heated, wherein the composition of said rubber stopper is not the same as the composition of said covering layer.

Claim 8 (original): The waterproof connector set forth in claim 7 wherein the bonding agent is a straight-chain organosiloxane oligomer of a p-phenylene construction or a cyclic organosiloxane oligomer.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein the rubber stopper is bonded to the covering layer of the covered cable when the rubber stopper is heated by an environmental air surrounding the connector during a using state of the connector.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The waterproof connector set forth in claim 7 wherein the rubber stopper is bonded to the covering layer of the covered cable when the rubber stopper is heated by an environmental air surrounding the connector during a using state of the connector.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein the covering layer of the covered cable includes a vinyl chloride resin or a polyvinyl chloride resin.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The waterproof connector set forth in claim 5 wherein the covering layer of the covered cable includes a vinyl chloride resin or a polyvinyl chloride resin.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The waterproof connector set forth in claim 7 wherein the covering layer of the covered cable includes a vinyl chloride resin or a polyvinyl chloride resin.